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ST. LOUIS, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, 1888.

PRICE, FIVE CENTS
BY CARRIER, TWENTY CENTS A WEEK.

CRAWFORD'S!

Friday.
An exquisite bonnet just sent out to a certain bright-eyed girl is of Gobelin blue silk and silver lace, with a bunch of pale pink velvet roses just above the face. It is to be worn with a Gobelin blue gown, embroidered in silver lace.

Saturday Specials.
Saturday only! Ladies' black and colored Eagle-dyed hose, double warranted fast colors; will sell 50 dozen on Saturday at 18 cents a pair, or two pair for 35 cents!!!

Odd lot children's full regular made ribbed, all-wool hose, double heel and toe, cut from 25 cents and 35 cents to 15 cents a pair, sizes 4-12 to 5-12.

D. CRAWFORD & CO.

YOU MAN SHAPE.
All Other Spring Styles
NOW IN.
E. COEDDE,
104 N. Broadway and
1816 Franklin Av.
CORRECT STYLES!
FINE QUALITIES!
MODERATE PRICES!

ASK
For this
SWEET
and
TENDER,
NOT
DRY
and
SALTY.

GIVE THEM A TRIAL
OUR HAMS AND BREAKFAST BACON
are selected and cured in this city with
the greatest care and attention, and we
guarantee them to give satisfaction. If
your grocer does not keep our BRAND of
Hams notify us, and we will give you the
address of our branch in the HAM.

COX & GORDON,
Telephone 2250. 1019 South Third St.

A Business Chance

The POST-DISPATCH expects to occupy its new quarters, No. 515 Olive st., early in March, when the premises now occupied at

515 and 517 Market St.,

will be vacated. This is one of the best business locations in St. Louis, occupying an area of 10 feet front by 30 feet deep, with a wide alley in the rear. The POST-DISPATCH will either lease the ground with existing improvements, or will erect a new building to suit any business requirement.

Further particulars may be obtained on application at the counting-room.

THE POST-DISPATCH,
515 and 517 Market street.

ELECTION NOTICE

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brush Electric Association for the election of five directors will be held at the office of the Association, room 307, in the Granite building, 404 Market street, in this city, on Friday, March 10, 1888, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock m. Polls open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock m.

W. L. G. ALLEN, Secretary.
St. Louis, February 22, 1888.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Deep Down Mining Co., for the election of five directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them, will be held at the office of the company, 204 N. 3d st., room No. 25, on Friday, March 10, 1888, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock m. Polls open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock m.

W. W. HARRIS, Secretary.
St. Louis, March 6, 1888.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, St. Louis, Mo., March 7, 1888. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, Friday, April 6, 1888, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering at St. Louis, Mo., for the use of the Quartermaster's Department, (22) Artillery Horses, subject to an increase or decrease of 20 per cent respectively of such number.

TEN YEARS AGO

We opened in this city our "Branch Store" No. 2. At that time the retail clothing business here was at a very low ebb. It was the rule with most dealers to sell very inferior goods at very high prices. We introduced a new order of things. We gave the public a better class of clothing at very moderate prices, saved buyers all jobbers' and middle profits, and brought the manufacturer and consumer together.

Since then we have opened "branch stores" in four other large cities, viz., Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Kansas City, and in every city

SO GREAT HAS BEEN OUR SUCCESS,

So heartily do all buyers approve of our plan of doing business, that, if our manufacturing facilities can be made to keep pace with our largely increasing sales, we shall probably open "branch stores" in a half dozen more large cities in the next ten years. What a revolution has taken place in the

Retail Clothing Business

Of this city in the past ten years! It is true some dealers still cling to their old ways—small sales and large profits. They are not wide awake, and not up with the spirit of the times, but think to gain public favor and to dispose of their high-priced merchandise by much silly abuse and misrepresentation of the methods of the "Eastern Branch Stores."

BROWNING, KING & CO.,
(Formerly "The Golden Eagle.")
Corner Broadway and Pine.
D. C. YOUNG.....MANAGER

TAKE NOTICE.

D. H. Booth Decorative Co.
HAVE A LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF
NEW SPRING STYLE WALL PAPERS.
All the Modern Styles of Fresco Work Agents for the New Lacquer Papers, in Oil and Distemper.
216.....NORTH BROADWAY.....216

Prices of Groceries Boiled Down.

I am asked the question a number of times every day: "Mr. Fairley, can't you send a clerk and take my order every day?" My answer invariably is "No." And why? Because I look upon it as the MOST EXPENSIVE SYSTEM of doing business ever inaugurated by the RETAIL GROCERY TRADE. But I furnish patrons with postal cards with my name and address thereon, which will be found very convenient.

See what a QUARTER OF A DOLLAR will buy in first-class goods:
Oatmeal, best..... 7 1/2 lbs for 25c
Navy Beans, hand-picked..... 10 lbs for 25c
Rice, good..... 10 lbs for 25c
Split Peas..... 10 lbs for 25c
Hominy and Grits..... 10 lbs for 25c
Rolled Oats..... 10 lbs for 25c
Sago..... 10 lbs for 25c
Green Peas, French..... 7 1/2 lbs for 25c
Green Peas, Scotch..... 7 1/2 lbs for 25c
Split Peas..... 7 1/2 lbs for 25c
Pearl Barley..... 10 lbs for 25c
Tapioca..... 10 lbs for 25c
Lentils..... 10 lbs for 25c
Macaroni..... 10 lbs for 25c
Vermicelli..... 10 lbs for 25c
Corn Meal..... 10 lbs for 25c
Lima Beans..... 10 lbs for 25c

RED KIDNEY BEANS
Are said to be the finest Soup Beans grown. You cannot get them for love or money anywhere else in St. Louis. I bring them on from Boston, Mass.

If a quart of beans is worth too much of one kind, you can take half of two kinds. For instance: 4 lbs of Green Peas and 2 lbs of Macaroni for 25c.

Fresh Eggs.....3 Dozen 40c
Fresh Frozen Herring, per doz.....25c

Drop Postal Card. Orders sent out C. O. D.

Two deliveries daily to all parts of the city, at 9 o'clock a. m. and 3 p. m.

Fairley, the Grocer,
820, 822 and 824 Franklin Av.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the stockholders of Woolman & Co. at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday, March 13, 1888, at 10 o'clock, at public outcry, for the sale of the business as may come before the meeting.

W. L. G. ALLEN, Secretary.
St. Louis, February 22, 1888.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Bridges let.

A Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the Board of Public Works, the undersigned Road and Bridge Commissioner of said city, will, on 2 O'CLOCK P. M., MARCH 10TH, 1888, at the Court-house door, in the lower of Union, and corner of public outcry, let the contract for an iron Pratt truss bridge across the Meramec River at Jock's Ford, according to plans and specifications on file in the County Clerk's official Union, Mo.

LATEST EDITION
A PEACEFUL DEATH.

Last Hours of Emperor
William of Ger-
many.

He Died Holding the Hand
of the Empress
Augusta.

The Death Bed Surrounded by His
Family and State Dig-
nitaries.

Bismarck Announces to the
Reichstag the Accession
of Frederick III.

The Dying Monarch's Last Words.—Herr Puttkamer's Announcement in the Prussian Diet.—The Death of Emperor's Last Order.—Berlin in Mourning.—Scenes at the Death Bed.—The New Emperor to Start for Berlin to-Morrow.—The English Court in Mourning.—Marks of Respect by the Courts of Europe.—Where the Burial Will Take Place.—The Remains Lying in State.

BERLIN, March 9.—Emperor William died at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Eye-witnesses of the scenes at the death of the Emperor state that during the last few hours of his life he suffered no pain. Shortly after 8 o'clock all the members of the family staying at the palace, the court dignitaries, generals and ministers of state were summoned to the chamber in which the Emperor lay dying. The Emperor was in a half-sitting position on a camp bedstead. All the members of the royal family took places at the bedside. The room was crowded. Prince William stood nearest the Emperor, half-bending over the couch. He earnestly watched the face of the dying monarch until he expired.

THE EMPEROR'S DYING WORDS.
The Emperor died holding the Empress's hand. He had been in a stupor since 3 o'clock. He was delirious for a brief period at 8 o'clock, during which he is reported to have exclaimed: "I am a man of peace, but if Russia forces me to war I shall faithfully side with my ally, Austria."

THE DEATH CHAMBER.
The Emperor's remains lie covered with a white cloth on the bedstead on which he died. The Imperial KNEEL was sounded, and some church bells played the Dead March from Saul. Even the Government fully believed the end and had really happened. Lord Salisbury in the course of the evening receiving a telegram to this effect. There was an unusually large attendance in the House of Commons in the hope of hearing the tidings, and the message to Salisbury was shown to the members by Mr. Smith. Soon after, however, the Reuter Agency, who had sent the message from Berlin on the faith of the statements of the German papers, sent round contradictions. The opportunity was too good, however, to be lost by the newsboys, who continued to make night hideous with their cries until a late hour.

IN LONDON.
The English Court Officially Notified.—Her Majesty's Sorrow.

LONDON, March 9.—Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales were informed of the death of the Emperor at 9:30 o'clock this morning. The news reached the clubs before the members assembled. Special messengers informed the ministers of the Prince of Wales, the foreign ambassadors, various members of the House of Lords, and persons prominent in political circles.

The excitement of yesterday has been renewed, and the German Embassy is besieged by callers in consequence of yesterday evening's conflicting rumors. The definite news of the Emperor's death was at first received cautiously. The flags on the public buildings were placed at half-mast, and the notice of the Emperor's decease was posted on the bulletin boards of the newspapers.

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.
Flags are at half-mast generally throughout England on account of the death of Emperor William. At 11:30 o'clock this morning Prince Henry of Battenberg conveyed a message from the Queen to Count von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador, expressing Her Majesty's sorrow at the Emperor's death. The balls which were to have been held at Dublin Castle to-night and on St. Patrick's Day have been postponed.

AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICES.
Large crowds gathered about the newspaper offices, and many were expressions of sorrow and regret, mingled with sympathetic remarks as to how the death of the Emperor would affect the new Emperor, Frederick William.

MESSAGERS TO BERLIN AND SAN REMO.
The Queen has sent telegrams of condolence to Berlin and to San Remo.

AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
On the assembling of the House of Commons this afternoon, Mr. Smith, the Government leader, referred with deep sympathy to the death of the German Emperor. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, in the absence of Mr. Gladstone, concurred in the remarks of Mr. Smith.

GENERAL SURPRISE EXPRESSED.
The House of Commons did not adjourn in consequence of Emperor William's death.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUETS POSTPONED.
The Lord Mayor has postponed two banquets, which he was to have given shortly, in consequence of the death of the Emperor.

THE QUEEN WAS DRESSED IN DEEP BLACK WHEN

she took her carriage exercise in the gardens of Buckingham Palace to-day. Her face bore a very sad expression. All the officials of the palace and the servants are dressed in mourning.

THE PRINCE OF WALES, in deep mourning, visited the Queen at 10 o'clock this morning and again at noon.

THE COURT has been ordered to wear mourning for a month. All state ceremonies have been canceled.

ROYAL MOURNERS.
The Prince of Wales, Prince Christian and Prince Henry of Battenberg, who will represent the Queen, will attend the Emperor's funeral.

IN AUSTRIA.
THE REICHSRATH ADJOURNED.
VIENNA, March 9.—The Reichsrath has adjourned because of the death of the German Emperor. The Archduke Rudolph will attend the funeral. The subsidized theaters have been closed.

IN RUSSIA.
THE IMPERIAL THEATERS CLOSED.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The Imperial theaters have been ordered closed out of respect for the memory of Emperor William. The newspapers generally express the greatest respect for the late Emperor. Some uneasiness is felt regarding the possible political consequences of his death.

IN FRANCE.
PRESIDENT CARNOT'S CONDOLENCES.
PARIS, March 9.—President Carnot has sent a telegram of condolence to Frederick William at San Remo. The general impression is that of his military household to convey his condolences to Count von Munster, the German Ambassador to France.

M. FLOURENCE'S MESSAGE.
M. FLOURENCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs, went to the German Embassy and telegraphed to M. Herbet, the French Ambassador at Berlin, to present his condolences to Prince Bismarck.

THE CABINET.
All the members of the French Cabinet called and inscribed their names at the German embassy.

WILL NOT ADJOURN.
The Parliamentary chambers will not adjourn on account of the German Emperor's death.

IN ITALY.
THE CHAMBER TO ADJOURN.
ROME, March 9.—The Chamber of Deputies will adjourn as a mark of respect for the dead Emperor. The general impression is that there will be no change in the political situation so long as Prince Bismarck lives.

IN BELGIUM.
LEFT BEFORE THE NEWS CAME.
BRUSSELS, March 9.—The King and Queen of Belgium left here on their way to London to attend the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales just before the news of the German Emperor's death arrived.

THE BOURSE ARRIVED.
LONDON, 1 p. m.—Prices on the Stock Exchange have been fluctuating. They opened firm, but declined. They are now firmer. The stock market closed firm at the best figures of the day.

Dispatches from the Continent say that the Paris and Vienna bourses are firm to-day. The Hamburg and Frankfurt bourses are closed.

THE BERLIN BOURSE CLOSED.
BERLIN, March 9.—The Bourse is closed on account of the Emperor's death.

The News at Washington.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The official announcement of the death of Emperor William was received at the German Legation early this morning. The telegram was signed by Prince Bismarck and stated that the Emperor passed peacefully away at half past 8 this morning. Baron von Zedlitz, Charge d'Affaires, when questioned upon the subject of the succession, said that Crown Prince Frederick William (the Emperor's son) was the heir to the throne of Prussia, and that as a result of the Emperor's death, it will be decided by the two Chambers of Prussia.

Sailing Under False Colors.
Carl Walther was arrested charged with opening a letter addressed to Charles Walter. The letter was from Philip Brooks of Boston and advised Walter to call upon Dr. Holland of St. George's Episcopal Church for assistance. Walther could not read the letter. He was advised to call upon Dr. Holland. He did call and the doctor was surprised. However, Walther got 20 cents and departed. When arrested he claimed that he had found out from Dr. Holland that he was not the person to whom the letter was addressed. He was too ignorant to realize the consequences of what he had done.

The Citizens' Entertainment.
This afternoon a meeting of the Citizens' Committee, appointed to raise funds for the entertainment of the National Democratic Convention, was held at 222 of the Lindell Hotel. It is proposed to hold a series of entertainments, each of which will receive the subscriptions made by certain lines of business.

Foul Play Suspected.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
St. SMITH, Ark., March 9.—Word was received here to-day of the finding of the remains of an Indian woman in the Cherokee Nation by a party of Indians. She seemed to have been dead several weeks. Foul play is suspected, as the body is too much decomposed to make this certain.

Very Cold Weather.
Some of the coldest weather of the year prevails in the Northwest to-day. Fort Assiniboine reported 26 deg. below this morning at 6 o'clock. A very decided cold wave is thought by the Signal Office to be traveling this way, and it is expected to strike by to-morrow night. Several northern points report a big storm of snow and wind prevailing. In this city to-day at 6 p. m. the mercury stood at 25 deg. above, a difference between here and the Northwest of 40 degs., a very great range.

Accidents.
The 15-year-old son of Francis Benjamin, living at No. 3011 Olive street, while playing upon the street in front of his home about 8 o'clock last evening ran into street car No. 30 of the Olive street line, and one of the wheels passed over his left foot, mashing two toes so that he will have to be amputated.

John M. Kelly, residing at No. 1222 Riddle street, fell on the sidewalk on Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, last evening, and broke his right leg at the ankle.

Wants to Get Out.

Mr. Thomas B. Harvey on behalf of Charles Martin, alias Davis, the Indiana horse-stealer under arrest here, this afternoon made application in the Criminal Court for a writ of habeas corpus to secure Martin's release. The writ is returnable Monday.

Another Case of Small-Pox.
Charles Hansen, colored, 30 years of age, a bootler, living in the rear of 722 Olive street, was reported to the health authorities by Dr. Barnes to-day as down with small-pox. Dr. Barnes investigated the case and had the case immediately removed to the hospital.

FATAL FLAMES.

BURNING OF THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY AT MITCHELL, DAK.

One of the inmates fatally and nine others seriously injured.—Heavy Loss.—Burning of Gas-Works on Staten Island.—A Village in Ashes.—Fire.

MITCHELL, Dak., March 9.—Fire broke out in the Methodist University at 10 o'clock this morning from the spontaneous combustion of oil in rags in the art-rooms. There were forty inmates, including the faculty, students and servants. All but ten escaped without trouble. Four young men jumped from the second-story windows; four others and a Professor jumped from the third story and another Professor descended from the roof by a clothes-line. The following is a list of the victims:

HORROR FRONTS, Northville, Dak., internal injuries; died in two hours.
HATTIE TAYLOR, elocution teacher, Canton, Dak., spine injured.
MISS BARBOCK, Salem, Dak., internal.

MISS SPROUS, Mitchell, Dak., back broken.
PROF. DUNNAP, lacerated hands and face, feet frozen.
PROF. R. H. TAYLOR, skull fractured, arm broken, internal injuries; probably died.

WILL SMITH, Bridgewater, Dak.; leg broken, internally injured.
H. PARKER, England; broken ankle.
EZRA JONES, Parkston, Dak., spine injured; hurt internally.
WM. STILLWELL, burned his feet and hands seriously in saving young lady.

The building was completely destroyed; loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$75,000. The University will be rebuilt.

Gas-Works Burning.
NEW YORK, March 9.—The Richmond County Gas-works, on Staten Island, are burning and an explosion is expected at any moment. In case one occurs the loss will be heavy, as the works are situated in a thickly populated neighborhood. The people have vacated their houses and the entire police and fire departments are engaged in keeping people outside the danger line.

A Destructive Fire.
CAIRO, Ill., March 9.—A fire at Harrisburg, Saline County, last night, destroyed sixteen houses, including one jewelry store, drug store, two restaurants, a military store, grocery, hardware store, two warehouses, clothing store, and the Bank of Harrisburg. Total loss, about \$74,000; insurance, \$14,000. Being without fire engines the citizens were unable to check the spread of the fire.

The Emmett Beck Burned.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 9.—A special to the Evening Wisconsin from Berlin, Wis., says the Emmett Beck, occupied by C. Truesdale and A. Ford, two clothing dealers, was entirely destroyed by fire at midnight. An adjoining building, the residence of F. E. Switzler's shoe store was badly damaged. The total loss will foot up about \$25,000, and the insurance \$15,000.

HELLEVILLE.
A Big Batch of Indictments Returned by the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments to-day: Josephine Vetter, manslaughter; Joseph Miller, larceny (two indictments); Martin Hines, forgery. The following parties were indicted for selling liquor without a license: William Vaner, Anton H. Fochmann, Anton Labrosse, Frederick Schwartzkrauer, Peter Goding, Jr., Christian Sauerwald, Henry Thimig, John Orth, Stephen Kneisler, John Egloff, Joseph Taylor, James Mason, John Riddle, Gilbert Root, Russell T. John, stockeek, Herman Otter, Bernack and George Bitter, James Conrad, Mark Bodan, Ransom Bywater, George and Miss Lou Warren of East St. Louis were married to-day by Squire Phillips.

Constantine William Hermann of Centerville was fined \$5 and costs by Squire Phillips to-day for assaulting Adam Pankley. Mr. Joseph Taylor will start up his mine at Alma, Monday, with twenty men. He will pay \$2.50 a day.

Peter Comstock, aged 7 years, died of consumption at the County Farm. He was admitted from East St. Louis.

It has been decided by the ordination of Bishop Janssen will take place April 22 at St. Peter's Church, Archbishop Fechan of Chicago performing the ceremony.

THE CONFERENCE FAILED.
Postal Clerks Do Not Succeed in Converting Mr. Hyde.

The Post-office clerks have decided to abandon their national branch organization, as a result of a conference they had yesterday with Postmaster Hyde. A committee headed by Messrs. Barnes and Zepp called on Mr. Hyde and discussed the situation. The original purpose of the organization was to help lobby through a bill classifying the clerks more satisfactorily, and the local branch was formed to help pay the expenses of the national convention. Postmaster Hyde told the committee that he was opposed to the local branch, as it was calculated to interfere with representative duties. He said that the bill introduced for the classification sought by the clerks would be satisfactory to him, and the result of this plain talk is that branch of the national organization will be disbanded. The committee are inclined to leave that. Hyde's advice was very sound.

CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION.
Alterations in the Organic Law of the National Bakers' Union.

The Journeymen Bakers' National Union de voted the entire morning meeting to-day to the revision of the constitution, and the greater part of the afternoon to the same work. The alterations so far adopted were on the following points: The National Executive Committee will in the future consist of nine instead of seven members; it will be compulsory for members to answer questions in regard to the annual elections; additional power is conferred upon the National Executive Committee to suspend or expel members of local unions; and to appeal to the Board of Appeals. The Convention will continue to be held annually, members holding traveling expenses will be paid \$5 if they fail to join a local Union upon obtaining work in another city. The work on the Constitution is finished. The Convention will adjourn.

Sealed to Death.
CHICAGO, Ill., March 9.—Chas. F. Blumhagen, sub superintendent at Madison, Hobart & Co.'s distillery, was found dead this morning in a sleep was half filled with hot slop. He lost his footing and fell into the scalding water. Leaving the vat uncovered was his own negligence.

Another Case of Small-Pox.
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ST. JOHN REPLIES.

THE ROCK ISLAND'S ATTITUDE IN THE GREAT BURLINGTON STRIKE.

Both sides continue firm. The danger of the strike spreading growing hourly. Situation at Omaha—A Transcendent Brotherhood Engineer—Panhandle Men in Session.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 9.—Chief Arthur has issued another statement, presenting the strikers' side of the case, in which he says in part:

"The real question at issue is wages. Mr. Stone and his associate managers of the C. & N. W. and its various leased lines in their letter to the engineers and firemen clearly recognized the main issue, and, in fact, the only issue of importance, to be paid to be governed by the miles run, and increase of the existing rate and the abolition of classification based upon length of service. By confining their reply to these three points the representatives of the company practically admit the justice of the other demands of the men or consider them of trifling importance. It has been said that the action of the men was hasty and did not give the officials of the road an opportunity to fully consider their demand, but the fact is, by their own admission, the demands were placed before the company on the 15th of February, and seven days later were replied to in writing by the General Managers of all the lines comprising the system of the C. & N. W., and that the strike did not occur until five days after that, nor until President Perkins had been advised by Messrs. Arthur and Sargent and had replied, practically, that Mr. Stone was the man with whom they would have to settle their grievances."

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.—Several engineers and firemen were induced to leave their engines to-day. Their places were filled after a few hours' delay. The strikers claim that the company's shops at Plattsmouth are not to submit to the demands of the company or strike. All this is practically admitted by the company in the circular letter, and it proves conclusively that every means of settlement was exhausted before the strike was declared.

THE LATEST COMPARE.—With regard to the statement of General Manager Stone that the "road is willing to pay as much as its neighbors," the document gives the various rates of the different lines, and maintains the average rate paid by the Burlington is less than 3 cents per mile, which is decidedly lower rate than that of the other roads. The claim of the Burlington that the mileage system would work to the disadvantage of the men on branch lines is met by the question, "Why does the Milwaukee & St. Paul road, with as many or more branches, make no complaint?"

Their former arguments against the grading of engineers are repeated, and referring to the claim of the company that the placing of all engineers on an equal basis would be "the fact is the present system is much more likely to produce trouble by its frequent changes of engineers in order to keep as many as possible on the pay of the first and second years. There is not even a plausible cause of the system of grading the railroad companies know it is a source of trouble, and they have been making every effort to get rid of it by the consent of its abandonment."

It appears possible that the Eastern roads which have announced their willingness to handle Burlington cars and freight when delivered to them may have trouble in doing so. A train of about 100 cars, carrying 1000 men, was run in on the Fort Wayne tracks yesterday and was detained to that extent.

Transported to the East. The Fort Wayne yardmaster endeavored to get the cars switched, but after a half hour's effort he refused to touch them. He gave it up, and the cars were left where they stood. Another train of Burlington cars was run into the Michigan Central yards at the foot of the street to be switched to various points. The switching engineers refused positively to assist in moving the cars. No further attempt was made by the officials in the matter and the cars have been standing in the yard.

The Lake Shore road yesterday delivered to the Burlington 100 cars of freight, or six train loads, and experienced no trouble. Neither the Chicago & Grand Trunk nor the Chicago & North Western in receiving any Burlington freight, but this is owing to the fact that deliveries are made to them over the Belt Line and not to that of the paper, viz.: the best of its class.

THE POST-DISPATCH CLARIFIES.—Mr. Frank J. Brader of 714th Garrison avenue, Fort Smith, Ark., has placed upon the market a new cigar, "The Post-Dispatch."

In naming the brand after the excellent and has placed before smoking it. Brader is an agent for the Post-Dispatch at Fort Smith and intends to keep the reputation of his cigar to that of the paper, viz.: the best of its class.

CITY PERSONALS.—Chas. Buschenstein, Mayor of Edwardsville, Ill., is in the city.

Miss Mamie Fitz of Des Moines, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cape of this locality.

A gymnasium has been erected at Jefferson barracks by Lieut. Bieman of the 6th of the boys in blue.

A negro, supposed to be the one who knocked down Mr. J. H. Brown, a resident of the city, was arrested by the police of the Missouri district near this locality this morning. He was held for identification.

Des Moines Council, No. 1029, Legion of Honor, gave a banquet last evening at the Broadway in honor of several sister lodges who were paying the lodge a visit.

Among the local business men were Messrs. Council, Garfield Council, Washington Council, Myrtle Council and No. 1029, Legion of Honor. Jack P. Richardson, Grand Commander of State, and J. V. Gallagher, D. D. G. O., were also present.

Some time ago the police reported to the Street Commissioner the dangerous condition of the street near the corner of 10th and 11th streets. It is rendered unsafe for traffic as the road has sunk in several places from three to four feet.

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MR. REED OF MAINE PREPARING A TARIFF BILL.

The Frank-Glover Controversy—Payson's Land Forfeiture Bill—A. G. A. R. Fair Cane Voted to Senator Ingalls—The River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—It is certain, in spite of his denials, that Mr. Reed of Maine has prepared a tariff bill to be presented to the House, embodying the Republican idea of tariff reform, and he is known to have approved one member of the House three times to urge his support of the bill.

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PORT LIVES LOST.

The Explosion of the Steamer Rafael Reyes at Carthagena.

New York, March 9.—Pascual, Director of the Consular Affairs, which reached quarantine yesterday from the West Indies, and arrived at her pier this morning, said to-day in reference to the explosion on the steamer Rafael Reyes in the harbor of Carthagena, just as the ship was leaving the harbor.

"The Rafael Reyes was a little excursion boat, and with a pleasure party had gone up the river. Nearly all of the passengers, about forty in all, were killed. A Mr. Grau, father of the editor of the *Zahama*, was among the killed."

"The owner of the vessel is the brother of the President of the Republic, and doubtless on this account the true facts of the catastrophe will never be known."

THE RAILROADS.—Southwestern Rates—General Manager Potter Dead—General News.

The railroads operating in Kansas and Southwest Missouri are not at all satisfied with the condition of rates in that territory, which is the indirect result of the rate-cutting in the Northwest.

A meeting was held at the Southern Hotel to-day for the purpose of arriving at some agreement by which the rates may be improved until the final settlement of the entire difficulty may be reached at a point which is to be reached at all.

There was a long discussion of the subject during the morning, and an adjournment was taken until the afternoon, when the meeting was held at the Fort Scott & Gulf, the representatives of the Fort Scott & Gulf, the Chicago & North Western, the Missouri Pacific, the St. Louis & San Francisco, the St. Louis & New Orleans, the St. Louis & Kansas City, the St. Louis & Arkansas, the St. Louis & Texas, the St. Louis & Louisiana, the St. Louis & Mississippi, the St. Louis & Alabama, the St. Louis & Georgia, the St. Louis & Florida, the St. Louis & South Carolina, the St. Louis & North Carolina, the St. Louis & Virginia, the St. Louis & West Virginia, the St. Louis & Kentucky, the St. Louis & Tennessee, the St. Louis & Mississippi, the St. Louis & Alabama, the St. Louis & Georgia, the St. Louis & Florida, the St. Louis & South Carolina, the St. Louis & North Carolina, the St. Louis & Virginia, the St. Louis & West Virginia, the St. Louis & Kentucky, the St. Louis & Tennessee, the St. Louis & 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